

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
IN REGULAR SESSION
March 13, 2012**

A regular session of the Winchester Common Council was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall. President Jeffrey Buettner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: President Jeff Buettner; Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi and Les Veach; Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-President John Willingham (8)

ABSENT: None (0)

INVOCATION – Reverend Dr. Kitty Hahn-Campanella of Highland-Memorial Presbyterian Church delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Minor led the citizens and councilors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2012 Regular Meeting

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve the February 14, 2012 minutes. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice vote.*

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Minor thanked the Boy Scouts for being at the meeting tonight. She stated she also wanted to wish the Girl Scouts a Happy 100th Birthday.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Craig Gerhart stated O-2012-06 was presented at the work session with a 90 day period between submitting the request and the evaluation. Council asked that the time period be shortened. The Chief was comfortable with shortening the period to 60 days.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Anthony Williams stated he did not have a report to present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

O-2011-55: Second Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 1.0 ACRE PORTION OF LAND AT 110-140 KEATING DRIVE (*Map Number 149-01-6*) FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LR) DISTRICT WITH CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT (CE) DISTRICT OVERLAY TO RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO-1) DISTRICT WITH CE DISTRICT OVERLAY. The

Comprehensive Plan calls for medical and general office uses on the periphery of the Medical Center District. RZ-11-669

No citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

Vice-President Willingham moved to adopt O-2011-55. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill then adopted by the affirmative roll-call vote of a majority of all members of the Common Council, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below:*

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Councilor Clark	Aye
Councilor Hill	Aye
Vice-Mayor McInturff	Aye
Mayor Minor	Aye
Councilor Tagnesi	Aye
Councilor Veach	Aye
Councilor Willingham	Aye
President Buettner	Aye

O-2012-01: Second Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO COMPREHENSIVELY AMEND THE WINCHESTER ZONING ORDINANCE TO CORRECT SCRIVENER ERRORS IN SECTION NUMBERING TA-11-692

No citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

Vice-President Willingham moved to adopt O-2012-01. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill then adopted by the affirmative roll-call vote of a majority of all members of the Common Council, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below:*

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Councilor Clark	Aye
Councilor Hill	Aye
Vice-Mayor McInturff	Aye
Mayor Minor	Aye
Councilor Tagnesi	Aye
Councilor Veach	Aye
Councilor Willingham	Aye
President Buettner	Aye

O-2012-03: Second Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF WINCHESTER LOCATED IN THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF JIM BARNETT PARK TO THE WINCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING A MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES AND APPROVAL OF LEASE.

Ken Goodman of 549 Whitacre Street stated he wanted to focus on parking. The basic problem he sees is the proposed 750 parking spaces are insufficient to make the stadium

economically viable. The proposed lease states the EDA shall insure throughout the term that there is adequate parking for events at the ballpark within a 5 minute walk from the ballpark. He has researched adequate parking and has come up with a reasonable amount of 1 space for every 2.3 people. He has looked up other teams and found they are providing the critical parking for their success. If Winchester is to draw 3,000 fans, over 1300 spaces will be needed. The 750 spaces proposed are 550 spaces short. The proposal only provides about half of the baseball parking needed. He talked to Mr. Deskins last week and he agreed that there is only about half of what is needed. Mr. Deskins hopes to get about 700 people to take the shuttle buses to use 300 spaces in the downtown parking garage. Even if the shuttles do work, it is still over 200 spaces short. The lease also states the EDA will work to develop additional parking at locations mutually agreed upon by the parties. The only places to find additional spaces within a 5 minute walk are in the park or at Daniel Morgan Middle School. The school has about 200 spaces. It might be feasible to use a school lot but it throws a lot of traffic in the residential neighborhood around the school. He asked where the EDA will find the land for the rest of the parking. The obvious answer is in the park at the pool parking lot or Bridgeforth Field. If so, this parking needs to be provided for and funded. He stated this is a high risk, low yield venture and urged Council to vote against it.

Randy Collins stated he is representing the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber tonight to share thoughts from their Board of Directors and Public Policy Committee on the ballpark. Economic development is often misunderstood in any community, business or organization when a project decides to move into our area. There are always those that see growth as negative and those that see it as positive. On the positive side, the proposed stadium certainly could be a factor for the area's restaurants, hotels, gas stations, retail stores and tourist attractions. The Chamber has said that anything that brings more people to the community can be a good thing for the business community and Minor League Baseball has had an impact in other Virginia cities. On the other side of the equation, the Chamber has come to the conclusion that it might be an issue of the right project but the wrong site. Public comments printed in the Winchester Star show a strong interest to protect public park land. The Chamber is not here to take sides on the proper use of public land. However, they can see viability of acceptance of a project like this if it was done on another site and if that site could include a much needed events and conference center. Other sites could also provide room for other tourist related businesses that could compliment the project. To achieve the numbers needed for success, community wide acceptance of the project is crucial. It is critical. The inclusion of Frederick County and how it impacts Sensony Road is a critical piece of this should the ballpark move forward. The Chamber thinks there should be some inclusion of the County as well in this. They would like to see some effort to recognize the Winchester Royals' position in the community as they have been a community partner for a long time. He stated right now, the business community is focused on their own businesses while in the midst of this steady economic recovery. The Chamber does not traditionally take policy positions on matters like this but they are asking Council to take a serious look at an events center potential. In collaboration with the County, a center would be an economic asset to the businesses through a combined effort in our community.

Sam Leinbach of 317 Fairmont Avenue stated there are two items he wanted to address. The first item is the close proximity of the stadium to Daniel Morgan Middle School which will only be a few hundred feet away. The close proximity will be a concern because of the people who will be attending the games. According to Dr. Jane Abel

speaking on the CNN network stated between 1% and 5% of the population are considered to be child predators. Using the average estimate of 3000 people who would attend the projected 70 games, there will be between 2000 and 11,000 potential predators each year attending the ball games. These potential predators would include the people who follow the out of town teams to play in Winchester. Even if most of the proposed ball games occur at night, these potential folks will become aware of the close proximity of the school just across the street from the stadium. Some of the events at the stadium will likely be held in the daytime and some even on school days putting 1200 students at Daniel Morgan at risk. In the event a child is abducted, the closeness of I-81 provides an easy exit for the predator making it extremely difficult to rescue the child. We should do everything in our power to prevent the loss of a single child. There are many reasons to say no to this ball stadium but the most important is the possibility of losing a child. This is absolutely the worst place in Winchester to locate this stadium. He was in Hagerstown at the city hall last week and they stated they looked at a ball field on the interstate and a lot of other places. They were able to contact the Federal Highway Administration and were told the location of a lighted stadium next to an interstate highway is a hazard to drivers on the interstate system. He asked if Winchester is going to have lights. He stated the lights today are 10 times brighter than they were 20-30 years ago. He presented an aerial picture of the stadium in Hagerstown and pointed out the closest school is 3000 feet away from the ballpark.

Diane Sinclair of 508 Princess Court stated location, location, location. That is what this vote is about for her not change as she has worked for change in the city for many years. After hearing Jim Deskins' presentation at the Southend Citizens meeting on March 1st, she left the meeting more concerned. As she spoke with people and did her homework, it was apparent that this plan had more problems than solutions so thus the petition that states "we the undersigned are opposed to a Minor League ballpark being built in Jim Barnett Park." Location, location, location. She stated this took off like wildfire. People suddenly felt perhaps their voice would be heard. They felt united. They wanted to save their park. It was heartwarming to see so many people, upwards of hundreds, roll up their sleeves to help. 1,964 signatures were received in less than a week. There are many reasons not to build in the park. You have heard them from your constituents by emails, letters and phone calls. Jim Barnett Park is not the location to build this ballpark as the roads, parking, green space and surrounding neighborhoods would be compromised by its magnitude and physical demands. The park and its surrounding streets were not built to handle traffic and parking for 2,500 to 3,000 attendees when and if they come. These streets are clogged with traffic now. Access to major highways to bring fans to the park is oblique and definitely limiting to good traffic flow. People who live near the park do not want their streets and driveways blockaded before and after the 70 plus home games. That is not a solution. That is being inconsiderate or worse indifferent to their rights. She asked if Council would want this in their neighborhood. She stated it takes good information with good data to make good decisions. This has all gone way to fast to get good data. The numbers are fuzzy. The City of Winchester is the safety net for the EDA and the cost of \$15 million does not take into account other monies that will be needed to be spent by the city. Build a ballpark where it is not landlocked so other businesses could spring up around it. This location could be a constant thorn to those that live in the area who use these roads and those wanting to use the park on game days. You will hear about it regularly. There is no free land to replace this parcel in the future as was stated at a Council meeting. It will cost the taxpayers \$1 million for 10 acres to make up for the loss of acreage. She thanked Council for all of their time and hard work they do for the

fair city. She also thanked all of the people who contributed time, energy and thoughts to make this petition drive a success. She is proud of those citizens who want to be a part of the government. She urged Council to not convey these 7.9 acres of Jim Barnett Park to the EDA.

Virginia Boling of 1628 Valley Avenue stated her main concern about this proposal is the location. She does not believe putting a stadium in Jim Barnett Park will enhance the quality of life for our citizens. She believes it will result in the opposite effect. There will be alcohol consumption, traffic gridlock on all secondary streets, and lots of noise but she will leave the discussions of these concerns to others. In response to suggestions made by several councilors regarding the purchase of additional park land on the north side of Winchester to replace park land taken for the stadium, it is not park land that prompted her concern but it is taking THIS park land. She does not want a stadium in the middle of Jim Barnett Park for any reason, economic or otherwise. No future land purchases will replace what will be lost by putting this stadium in the proposed location. She hopes Council will listen to the constituents and vote no to this stadium proposal.

Gerard Fitzpatrick of 139 Pembridge Drive stated this project will bring in much revenue to our city as well as tourism which would be great to have for the city. He believes Minor League baseball is needed. He asked Council to vote in favor of the project. He stated Major League baseball is giving the city the opportunity to bring in a great stadium and a great team. He asked Council to please vote yes on it.

Pete Serafin of 539 North Braddock Street stated he is in favor of putting a stadium in Jim Barnett Park. It is something his family looks forward to. They go to ballparks in small towns during the summer whenever they travel and actually plan their vacations around the schedules of those games. He believes this is the type of facility and activity that Winchester needs to keep young people and draw young people to the area. This type of thing brings young families and young people and provides something for them. He likes the idea of the stadium being in the park and at the end of the Green Circle. People will be able to walk or ride their bikes from downtown to the stadium. It would easily serve the south part of town and the neighborhoods around the Green Circle. He also thinks it is a good idea to have it in the park because the parking will be able to be shared. The parking can be used at other times for other activities in the park. Unlike the parking in Frederick where it is left empty when there is not a game.

Claire Henderson of 539 North Braddock Street stated she supports the transfer of land in Jim Barnett Park to the EDA. She and her family drive an hour to Frederick, Maryland 2-3 times a summer to go to the Keys games. Sometimes they bring friends and family but they regularly go into downtown Frederick before or after the games and spend time and money in their community. She really believes the same thing could happen here. If you build it, they will come. She would rather build the stadium in the park so it can build on the current facilities that are there and to keep it closer to Handley and Shenandoah who would benefit as well. In her opinion, this project supports City Council's mission statement to provide a safe, vibrant, sustainable community while striving to improve the quality of life for the citizens and economic partners. She would be thrilled and proud to have a Minor League baseball team in Winchester.

Phil Weber of 609 Bellview Avenue stated the project is on the tract and it has been since City Council and their advisors became aware of it. The driver is the fact that Major

League baseball has directed the Hagerstown Suns to upgrade their facility to major league standards and to do that by the 2013 season opening. The key to that seems to be having the availability of a stadium and one that can be accessed readily. The key to that seems to be the land that is available in Jim Barnett Park. The City Council and their advisors have done a great job trying to fit the myriad of details in the tight time schedule and at the same time provide the means for the community to participate in the process. From his perspective of having spent 40 years in the corporate world, it seems to him that an awful lot of things need to go right to make this project a viable one. There seems to be a small margin of safety if things do not go as originally planned. Most of us know that very few projects go exactly as planned. From what Council has heard tonight and at other times, the community is not always in favor of the project for various reasons. Some of the reasons tonight are increase traffic, more noise, alcohol in the park, parking, and giving up park land to further a commercial venture. Perhaps the community is trying to say they value their quality of life more than any financial gain that may, if all goes well, come to the city. Who of us can put a price on what he would call a priceless commodity, quality of life. Some may see this as an unwillingness of the people to change. He sees it as a community telling us what they value most in this area. Jim Barnett Park has often been referred to as one of the area's crown jewels. He asked Council to slow the train down and to either table the issue to give the EDA approximately 8 acres of prime park land for the purpose of building a multiuse stadium or just say no to the Hagerstown Suns. He said it may be the most important decision made as a council member especially since Hagerstown and Washington County are intending to build a stadium in a market that is quite a bit larger than Winchester/Frederick County and have less downside risk.

James L. Smith of 416 West Cecil Street stated he is vehemently opposed to further structural development in Jim Barnett Park that requires disturbance of park grounds, land, or green areas. As far as ballparks go, the city has a wonderful A+ team, the Winchester Royals, and a wonderful stadium, Bridgeforth Field. He is a proud lifelong resident of Winchester and Frederick County and was fortunate to grow up around the park. He met many of his future mentors, roll models, friends, and co-workers there who shared their visions to create, develop, and provide a community park to be accessible to all citizens and visitors. Some of the people he met there developing the park were Stewart Bell, Jim Barnett, Les Singhass, Han Christensen, Denny Lee and many others. The concept of providing a common area for its citizens is not new. The commons concept came from as early as Lord Fairfax in 1753. From his acreage, he created two out lots purchased by George Washington. Mr. Smith presented a quote on those out lots that said "the commons for the use and benefits of the inhabitants of the town." He stated thankfully we still think this concept is important today. But the community grounds, our common grounds, are disappearing. Our green areas and undisturbed park lands are altered, compromised and converted into impervious parking lots, roads and structures. He stated Council knows the demographics of Winchester better than he does. Council knows the median income of the citizens and that many of the citizens do not have yards or green space. They do not have a country club to go to or lake or river front properties. They go to their sacred place, the park. Their common ground to meet, play and relax. It is improvised recreation. It's a relatively natural space to throw a ball, Frisbee, fly a kite, have a picnic, or share family activities. It is unstructured leisure, passive recreation; it doesn't cost a lot and is low maintenance. He respectfully requested that Council 1) used their authority, expertise, responsibilities, and skills to protect and enhance our park grounds, green areas and land to insure citizens have space to passively recreate, 2) not

give away, sell, trade or share common ground to any private enterprise or institution privately run without consent of the citizenry and 3) do not cut a chunk out of the heart of our park. Please do not compromise the integrity of Jim Barnett Park. Please protect our park.

Shelly Lee of 432 Marion Street stated everyone here tonight is here because they love Winchester. Most of the ones who signed the petition are here because they love Jim Barnett Park. They want to see it maintained and be a public park. They don't want the land to be given away, sold or traded to different entities. She asked Council to please vote against this. She said they are not against change or having new things but that stadium does not belong in the park. She went to Family Land on Sunday afternoon and the people there were enjoying the green space and the park. Those people said their kids would not be able to go and they would not be able to go. Citizens of all ages, social and economic backgrounds must be reached. She stated there are other things beside a minor league ballpark that could benefit all people such as another swimming pool. She asked Council to vote no on the stadium in the park and to not let this happen anymore.

Charles Greeb of 612 Dulles Circle stated what he has learned since he spoke in front of Council last month about this project has only heightened his concern. The more the proposal is amended or revised to meet the projections, the greater the likelihood that long term future subsidies of the project will be required from the city taxpayers. The hard facts are the deal cannot be closed without the community contributing valuable and irreplaceable park land. In the end, it places the stadium in an inferior location no matter how many concessions are made to meet the objections of that location. Secondly, in the event this becomes a money losing proposition, it appears the risk are all that of the community, not the investors. That is contrary to the usual practice of how when a beneficiary of the facility bear the upfront risk. The deal is too risky to expose our community to it. This is not a prudent investment for the city and nothing can make this deal become so. During the public comment at a recent meeting on this issue, the overwhelming sentiment was against the use of park land not necessarily against a Minor League baseball club. If our community wants a Minor League baseball team, let's do it properly or not at all.

J.T. Kremer, Jr., of 705 Mahone Drive stated there were all kinds of petitions, newspaper articles, MPO meetings, and comments Council heard over and over again over a long period of time all on the opposition from the citizens on the closure of Millwood Avenue. All of those remarks were either not heard or they weren't listened to. He wants to go on record that when he wrote his letter to the editor against closing Millwood Avenue, he was not inferring to be any shape or form against Shenandoah University. He was against giving any land that belongs to the city and citizens of Winchester, Virginia away. He doesn't care if it is a street, sidewalk, or piece of park land. To him, it is not City Council's land to give away. There have been all kinds of wonderful remarks made tonight that are right on. If he had to give Council a vote on Millwood Avenue, he would have given them a big F. Council failed the citizens. Tonight, Council has the chance to get an A by voting no against putting the ballpark in Jim Barnett Park. He stated he has nothing against the EDA or their request but a ballpark in the park is a ballpark in the wrong place. He hopes and prays Council listens to the citizens that have addressed them at public hearings or have written articles. He stated you have to think before you think because what you thought might be wrong. He thinks any thought of putting a ballpark

in Jim Barnett Park is absolutely, positively wrong and he urged Council to vote against doing such a thing tonight.

Sue Barnett of 1611 Valley Avenue stated she and her husband made the decision back in 1983 to move their family back to Winchester because this is where they wanted them to grow up. They have seen change happen. Change happens in her life on a moment to moment basis from the job that she does. Change is a wonderful thing and is very exciting. What she does not see as a positive change is anything going into the park that is going to impact our children. Alcohol, cars, and kids are not a good mix in any place especially in the confines of the park. It will be an unnecessary tragedy to have somebody whose foot slips off the brake run into a group of children after having 2-3 beers. It can happen. She has seen it too many times. She asked Council to think twice or three times about bringing anything else into the park that will impact our children and their safety. Alcohol has no place in that park.

Ruth Barnett of 101 Launchris Drive stated everything has been said except for a very personable aspect. She hopes the citizens of Winchester and the Council realizes the fact that parks are part of a vanishing scene. It is true all over the country. It is happening everywhere but it shouldn't happen in Winchester because Winchester is different. The park is what it is because the citizens made it that way. She was a part of the import for 30 years. When she arrived in Winchester, the park wasn't anything. The War Memorial Building was there and there was a jungle around it. They had an old truck that was a converted car. They had one maintenance man, Mr. Clark Anderson, and he did everything from toilets to dusting off home plate. There just wasn't anything. She stated the people responded to Jim for some reason and almost immediately, it became the recreation park. The citizens responded in an unbelievable way and they still do. People feel the same way and they want to keep the park the way it is. If something were to come into the park to increase the citizens' life or lifestyle, it would be a different thing but the ballpark is not in that category. Besides that, Winchester needs money for other things. The desire of Winchester citizens has been demonstrated twice. It seems to her that Winchester is a different place and the park as it is serves the needs of the general Winchester public.

David Barnett of 1611 Valley Avenue stated he wanted to set the record straight on one thing printed in the Winchester Star. His dad never wanted to bring a Minor League baseball team to Winchester. His dad was contacted by Jim Lowry of the Harrisonburg Turks on many occasions and he would make trip after trip to Harrisonburg trying to get a Valley League baseball team in Winchester. After that was done, he approached Ed Bridgeforth and told him how much was needed to get the ballpark put up. The funds were raised and it didn't cost the citizens of Winchester a thing. Now, Valley League baseball is alive and well in Winchester. He asked City Council to consider not placing the stadium in his dad's park. His dad would not want that. The Barnett family does not want that. By the looks of the turnout tonight, the citizens of Winchester don't want it either. He asked to leave his dad's jewel, his family's jewel, and the citizens' of Winchester jewel, Jim Barnett Park, alone. Let's leave it alone. He thanked Council for hearing his family's wishes and asked them to vote no.

Carter Foulds of 410 Courtfield Avenue stated last time he spoke it was about the business aspect of the proposal. This is a bad business decision. Most of Council has some business background and he submits they would not invest \$15 million if they had

it based on the deal Council has before them. It is a bad business decision for the City of Winchester. It is a business decision set up in such a way that the city cannot ever profit from it. Not only does it require making targets sufficient to pay its own way based on impossibly optimistic attendance projections but the lease was set up that once by some miracle the bonds are paid off, the team gets the revenue sources and the city gets a nominal rent. He has not seen the new lease but everything he has heard and has been published suggests it is not materially better in those aspects. It is not better for the issues having to deal with parking. Originally, the lease was quite explicit about where the parking spots were coming from. The original lease said on game nights, the lots at Bridgeforth Field, the War Memorial Building, and the pool would belong to the team. What that means is that is the only place they can get those additional parking places. If this goes through and you want to go to a Royals game or swim in the pool on a game night, you are going to pay the team for parking if you can find a place to park there. He is not opposed or afraid of change. He welcomes change but he is ultimately opposed to subsidies, whether it is a couple of million dollars or public land or a couple hundred thousand dollars a year to fill in the gaps by these impossible attendance projections, to a private, for profit business located in our park. He is not opposed to baseball. He is not opposed to building a stadium. However, if we are going to build a stadium, let the people who are going to profit from it pay for it and not the citizens of the City of Winchester.

Todd Golding of 410 Kinzel Drive asked Council to simply vote no on this deal for a couple of reasons. He stated he hasn't seen an actual cost analysis that would make him believe this is a good business decision. He sees a lot of potential expenses that have been left out of the budget sheet that has been posted online. He asked where the new development or redevelopment potential will happen with this deal. As reported in the Winchester Star today, Greenville, South Carolina, reaped the benefits when a field was built for a Low Level Class A team in 2006. From 2006 – 2010, a study determined that 48 new businesses opened within a quarter mile of the ballpark and 110 new businesses opened within a half mile of the ballpark. He asked where exactly the city would get this development with this proposed ballpark. He doesn't see it happening. Traffic management is a huge concern because of where he lives. He has looked at the proposals being made and thanked city staff for the effort they have put in to try to find viable solutions. They are probably the most viable solutions that could be arranged. However, these solutions involve closing off streets that will limit his and other neighborhoods ingress and egress from their properties without a burden. It will block off entire streets. If he wanted to go from his house to the War Memorial Building, he will be forced to take Woodstock Lane to Pleasant Valley and fight the baseball traffic coming in on Route 7 all the way to Wilkins Drive just to come back up because of the proposed plan. Permit parking is also a burden. The ordinance for permit parking states it is enforced Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and each person has to pay \$5 for each permit. He would have to purchase 4 permits for something he did not create. There are a lot of good things that came out of this discussion and he would like to reserve time after this is all over to address Council on those.

John Mikulbe of 352 Sheridan Avenue stated the City of Winchester has needed a sports entertainment venue for quite some time and this Minor League Baseball stadium is the answer. When you have all the entertainment dollars from the city going somewhere other than inside the city, you have all this tax revenue the city is missing out on. The stadium will also increase the quality of life and attract the younger generation and

tourists. It would improve areas of the city that are otherwise overlooked. It would create jobs for citizens in our city which the city would get tax revenues from. This is textbook Keynesian economics. If the economic team builds this and it creates jobs and all of these people continue to contribute to the chain of employment, before you know it there will be more jobs in the City of Winchester and the city will create more revenue for all the residents in the city. A great example of this is the area in Jim Barnett Park needed to reform and modern changes. The ballpark could also create money to make renovations to run down amenities in the park like the pool and other baseball stadiums. Most of the area where the park would be is gravel, dirt, and run down baseball stadiums that need revamping anyway. People should not be worrying about the park land that is there when you have a baseball stadium going around other baseball stadiums where little kids can look up to these good baseball players that are professionals. He asked what kid would not want to play in a stadium and look up and have the professionals playing right there where you can go and get autographs at the games. He asked if anyone had heard of Stephen Strasburg or Bryce Harper. He stated both of these young superstars played for the Hagerstown Suns and will bring large crowds even to the smallest of venues. There are other stadiums of similar size. Lexington averages 6,000 per game. Greensboro built a new stadium and now has the highest attendance in the league. Winchester has first and second markets in the 15, 30 and 40 minutes based on similar teams. Who wouldn't love to go to a game for around \$5 and also be supporting the City? This works in revamping other areas of town too. Ten years ago, you would not have wanted to walk in southeast D.C. at night. Now, you have Nationals Park there and it is a great area. If you need to revamp something, this is the way to do it. It also works on the Minor League scale. Bowling Green, Kentucky built a similar size stadium and it boost the downtown. Even if you are not a baseball fan, the stadium can host concerts and events and even an outdoor ice rink in the winter to bring in additional revenue. This is an opportunity the city cannot pass up on. If the city does not go forward with this and the team stays in Hagerstown, Winchester will not have the opportunity to build a Minor League Baseball stadium due to Minor League Baseball rules that you cannot have another stadium within 50 miles. If they build a new stadium, they are not going to get rid of it in 5 years. You have to get this done now. The city would start to reform and start to become of city of today with the venue this opportunity has created. The city needs change and if we, the citizens, are going to grow with it, this is the first step. Other cities of similar size are growing and so should we. To make this city have 21st century standards, we need to bring in revenue and this stadium is the answer.

Ben Carl of 420 Battle Avenue stated he represents Winchester BMX in the park. Their facility has been there for about 30 years. Les Singhass originally helped to develop that piece of land for the bicycle/motorcross racing. Mr. Carl stated he was fortunate to live a mile from the park growing up and could enjoy the track as a kid. He was happy when he moved back to Winchester and the track was still there. His kids are now riding on the track and they have a nice community of people that frequent the track. People from around the east coast come to visit the park and ride there. When they first heard about the stadium, they were concerned about having to shut down but they won't have to. Brad Veach called him to let him know he would start to hear about some things but the city values Winchester BMX and what they have contributed to the park over the years and want to continue that. Mr. Carl wanted to thank the park and the city for always giving their activity a home and no matter the outcome going forward they appreciate all of the time and work that goes into enabling them to have a place. He stated when it

comes to the ballpark, he feels there are a lot of management issues that are being addressed but there is a lot of growth potential that could come out of it.

Jim Shipp of 740 Seldon Drive stated between last month, tonight, and all of the studies that have been done, all of the pros and cons have been addressed. He will not up any more time but to urge Council to vote against the ordinance.

Dan McConnell of 2650 Limestone Court thanked Council and the EDA for the extensive due diligence that they have looked into this subject including the professional feasibility report and the due consideration of all the constituents. He was ordered to Winchester as an Army officer when he volunteered for service in the Middle East. In that time, he has done 3 deployments to Iraq, 2 to Afghanistan but he has called Winchester his home base. He has seen what courage and action can accomplish. A lot of what he has heard here and at the meetings is fear. Fear of change. Fear of the ability to support something of this magnitude. In the time he has been in Winchester, this is the greatest opportunity to create jobs, attention, pride in the community, a multi-use facility that could bring a lot of good things to the community and be another gem in the crown of Winchester like Shenandoah University. Winchester is a baseball town. Shenandoah University has the number 1 baseball program in the nation. Winchester Royals have been a source of pride in this city. We are talking about taking it up a notch and bringing professional baseball to the community. He has heard young people speak here pretty eloquently about the kind of Winchester they want to live in. He is 39 years old and most of his thirties have been spent not in a community environment. He is at the point where he wants to start a family and live and commit to a community. He has 30 more years to work and he has to decide if he wants to invest in this place. His colleagues say the same thing. They ask what amenities Winchester has being so small and is it going anywhere. This is an opportunity to push Winchester in the right direction. We are not talking about building a Den of Iniquity. We are talking about a baseball park. He asked that Council give due consideration to a part of the population who are not here because they are taking care of their kids and can't attend Council meetings because they are working two jobs but would like to have an amenity like this in the park and the chance for growth. He asked Council to act courageously on this, support this initiative, and invest in the town because that is the crossroads he is at.

Julie McCall of 2092 Cidermill Lane stated she hopes wisdom will prevail and Council votes no. She understands 3000 seats per game will need to be filled for 70 games a season to make a profitable return on the money. She asked how Council can gamble \$15 million in a recession when the price of gas is almost \$4 a gallon with talk it will reach \$5 a gallon this summer. It is unlikely thousands of people will drive over the mountain with these high gas prices and then pay \$10 a ticket, refreshment costs, and parking. Middle America is hurting. We live in a commuter hub and gas tanks need to get mom and dad to and from work if they have work. The unemployment rate is still 8%. Winchester has a baseball team. The Royals have been loyal to Winchester for over 30 years. Their ticket prices are still \$2 a kid, \$3 a senior, and \$5 an adult. It is obvious; their love of baseball exceeds their love of money. The Royals get it. They understand the meaning of the saying "the measure of your worth is not one you can spend; it is how your child describes you when he is talking to a friend." The Royals must be operating on a shoestring budget yet they have been loyal to us for 30 years. They provide the venue for college boys from all over to hone their baseball skills and compete. Scouts come here to watch them play and they are fun to watch. We should be supporting the

Royals not expecting them to compete for attendance with a Minor League team. Right before she retired from the US Senate, her two favorite words became in conclusion. And so, in conclusion, she would like to think the original park planner's intention was not to make money on our park but to provide open space for many generations of town's people, apartment dwellers with no backyards, and city houses with limited yard space – your constituents.

Eric Milkleson of 106 Bramble Court in Frederick County stated he walked a lot of the streets in Winchester with the petition. Of the people he found at home, at least 70% if not 80% quickly signed the petition. He received over 200 signatures in a short amount of time. If that is any representation of how the people of the city feel about this, there really isn't much support for it. He is opposed to it because he is probably more affected by it where he lives which is close to Sensony Road than somebody on the other side of the city especially if there is a rock concert there. He urged Council to not put the stadium in Jim Barnett Park. He doesn't think it belongs there for all of the reasons mentioned. If this town wants a Minor League team and a team wants to come here, maybe that is not a bad idea but Jim Barnett Park is not the right place for it.

Deirdre Cochran of 122 Peyton Street stated she won't be affected by the park, traffic, or noise but she wrote council a letter and hopes they pay attention to what everyone has said. She urged Council to vote no.

David Kersey of Bluemont, Virginia stated if anyone in this room personally has \$15 million to invest, he believes the return they would be asking for is 8-10%. That would equate to a \$1.2-1.5 million in profit per year. This deal as proposed has the potential for only \$100,000 if everything goes well based on the projections. If you have ever been in a design meeting on a sports facility like he has been, you quickly realize it is not about the game experience but the fan experience and the social experience in and around the community. The economic vitality of the facility hinges upon it being used as a catalyst for other tax revenues. Specific to this deal, the feasibility report significantly underestimates the true cost of the facility as well as the operating costs and it overestimates the attendance levels. He thinks this is a bad deal for the city even if one is to believe the projected revenue of \$100,000. Any entrepreneur on the TV show "Shark Tank" will tell you this is not a good deal and would turn it down. It is revenue of about a half of a percent which is terrible. He thinks the location of this ballpark is very poor. It would not have the ability to generate the additional economic boost because it would be isolated in a city park. It needs to be in an entertainment zone with other businesses supporting it. Lastly, if Winchester really wants a baseball team, professional baseball can come to Winchester and he thinks that would be good but the city should put out an RFP and send it to an array of clubs around the country. There are quite a number of them who would appreciate a \$15 million investment. It can be done. It can make money for the city but this is not the deal to make that happen. He urged Council to say no to this deal and demand a better one.

Birdie Phillips stated she and her husband are from Hagerstown but have lived here for about 50-55 years and have been involved in Winchester. She believes Hagerstown was the second largest city in Maryland at one time but read recently it is now 25th. Ballpark or no ballpark, downtown Hagerstown is nothing. It all moved out like everybody else who is progressing moved their businesses out into the county or in the community. She is not saying that will happen in Winchester but times right now are not real well

financially for anyone. Her husband makes his money in Winchester and Frederick County and they want to stay here but she doesn't believe the city shouldn't grow. She looks at downtown Hagerstown and knows in 15-20 years downtown Winchester will be gone just like it whether there is a baseball team or not. She thinks we need to look for the future and not the present. She personally is against having the baseball team in the park. She stated it is the one great place we have to call Winchester's own.

No further citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Minor moved to approve O-2012-03. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tagnesi.

Mayor Minor thanked everyone for speaking tonight. She also thanked staff and everyone who has worked on this so diligently to bring Council all of the pros and cons they could find. For the past few weeks, it seems all of Winchester has been focused on this proposed stadium. She has heard many, many reasons why we shouldn't have it along with the love for Jim Barnett Park and for it to remain as it is. For decades, this park has been a cherished treasure for the citizens of Winchester. In 1996, City Council passed a resolution openly committing to preserve the park and not to sell any parcel of land in Jim Barnett Park. This resolution is just as important to her today as it was then. She fully realizes that resolutions can be rescinded but her hope is this resolution will remain intact and all future Councilors and Councils will honor it and Jim Barnett Park will endure as Winchester's pride possession. She stated on this conveyance of land to the EDA she will have to vote no.

Councilor Hill thanked city staff for providing Council with all of the information they could on this stadium. He also thanked all of the citizens at the meeting for making their comments both pros and cons for the conveyance of this land. He stated that not being a native of this area, it is sometimes hard for him to conceive how people could love such a thing as a park or building or other things that you grow to love. However, when he talked to his father about this very issue, his father made him realize that it is about things that people cherish in life and not always about money. He has listened to many people from his own ward that have called, wrote letters and even sent a postcard. Many of those seem to be against this park. He would like to see baseball here. He thinks it is needed. He thinks there is a great opportunity the city is going to miss if it doesn't have it. However, he thinks of two things when he is working at his job. The young boys he works with often tell him stories of when they go to the park and the easy access they have to contraband. He works with kids that do have substance abuse issues. It is a great concern of his that they already have access to illegal substances especially when they are so young so he is concerned about the alcohol issue. He is also concerned about the traffic and the nearness of the stadium to the school. While he thinks staff has done a great job at answering questions and with the new lease he thinks issues have been addressed but he is here for the citizens. It is not what he wants so much as what the citizens want. Taking that into consideration, he is going to find it very difficult to support giving the EDA their land. He will be voting no on this issue.

Councilor Tagnesi stated this has been a great exercise for the city and for staff. A gentleman can in and made the city an offer that the city had to look at. If the city did not look at it, the citizens would be upset that staff was too lazy to look at something that

might have been hard. After each presentation, Council had more questions. Mr. Gerhart, Mr. Deskins, and Mr. Veach have done a remarkable job in attacking a problem they have never considered. He thanked all of the citizens who called, wrote, and emailed him. He stated they were certainly respectful, courteous, and not confrontational and he was very impressed. Citizens have the right to assemble, the right to free speech, and the right to petition as a part of the constitution and he is proud to see it happen. His mom always told him to shoot for an A so he is not going to support this.

Councilor Veach stated he has done a lot of research on this and does want to thank the EDA and staff for all of their hard work. He is glad the EDA looked at this opportunity when it came forward and brought it to Council. He also wanted to thank the citizens. A lot of people think there may be some merit to this but they have objections to the park. He thinks there could be something to this because the chamber seats have been filled twice now. He has had a lot of contact with the citizens as well. Like Councilor Hill, there are votes where he has to remove his personal feelings and represent the citizens. As a result, he thinks this has some merit to it but at a different location. He talked to several people who own Minor League stadiums and they told him how they can be used for the whole city with concerts and ice skating rinks. He likes the idea but he doesn't want it in the park.

Councilor Willingham stated it was fantastic to hear from citizens and to be engaged. A lot of the email traffic and phone calls he received were great discussions and he really appreciated it. It is good to get the input from citizens because sometimes Council makes decisions without really knowing what the citizens want. For him, this decision boiled down to economics. He is paid and was elected to use his head. He is a banker by trade and knows real estate. The city tried its best to de-risk this deal the best they could. There is some type of speculation with any deal you take on. As you go through it, you engage consultants and get the best professional help you can. The city used the best firm on the east coast that engages in sports teams. That firm gave the city numbers based on Hagerstown information, our potential expenses, and our potential revenues and tax situation. In making a decision, he looked at the conservative, moderate, and aggressive projections and even looking at the conservative it was always going to be difficult to make this economically viable. Any stadium you have is probably going to need to be subsidized outside or inside the park. That is life if you talk to anyone in professional sports. They are subsidizing it because they think there is some greater economic benefit with sales tax or the allure of the locations in the cities. To him, having this facility whether it is inside or outside the park is pretty important because we don't have a place to have concerts or events. We don't have a place where we can engage our young people and have something for them to do during the day. He grew up here and one of the biggest complaints amongst teenagers and young people is there is nothing to do. Part of him said this is an opportunity to solve that. He is going to potentially regret his vote because he thinks in the long term this is a benefit to this city and this community. He was elected to use his head and he is paid to use his head so tonight he is making an economic decision not to support this.

Councilor Clark thanked city staff especially Mr. Deskins for working so hard on this. He stated they were presented with an opportunity and helped Council to thoroughly vet this issue to the best of their ability. He thinks Council does have all of the possible information that can be gathered at this time. As stated before, this is an opportunity that the city was presented with. The city did not seek it out. The city owed it to the citizens

of Winchester to thoroughly explore this opportunity and see if it would be something that would be beneficial to the citizens of Winchester and not be detrimental. Like a lot of issues, the city found it could potentially be both. He thinks baseball would really help the city of Winchester to attract new businesses and families and be an activity families could go out and enjoy. He would support baseball in another location. As a lot of people have pointed out, the park is really not the place for this ballpark. He hopes the city can work with the Hagerstown club or another ball club to find another location in the city so we can bring baseball to Winchester. He does think it would attract people to the city and be a good business opportunity for a lot of other businesses. The issues in the park are myriad and outweigh the benefits. However, he is excited this evening about seeing democracy in action. Council has heard from a lot of citizens in the city and the strong majority have said they oppose the ballpark in this location. He thinks democracy does work. It is the ugliest, messiest form of government but it is the best one. He is not going to support this stadium in the park but would support it in a private location.

Vice-Mayor McInturff stated he thinks this is a great idea but it is just in the wrong place. He was hired to represent his constituents and will be voting no.

President Buettner stated when this was first presented to Council he went into it really hoping to make it work. The park was not the first choice but it was the choice that ended up could work if this was to go forward. He is not hung up with the idea of putting a baseball park in the park. He thinks it is a similar use to what is going on. However, every conversation he had with people, a lot of questions came out of the discussion that he did not have answers for so he would go back to Mr. Gerhart or Mr. Deskins to ask. Council did listen and brought back concerns to the team to see how to fix it with the idea that this could be a very good thing for Winchester. He grew up going to Orioles and Colts games. Although he is boycotting the Orioles, he is still a Ravens fans and takes his kids to Ravens games. It is a good family event that has been mentioned in the public comments. Winchester is lacking in good family events for kids and young adults. The Vision 20/20 and Opportunity Winchester both pointed to that as a hole in the city's tool box. This was a way to fill that. As he kept hearing concerns and bringing concerns to be fixed, the solution seemed to create two more. He said it was not one single thing that will cause him to vote against this but the weight of all of the accumulative effects of all the issues. When discussing the budget and schools at the last meeting, he became painfully aware that the city has a lot of must dos and this is a would like to do. A would like to do has got to take second place to a must do.

The ordinance was defeated by the affirmative roll-call vote of a majority of all members of the Common Council, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Councilor Clark	Nay
Councilor Hill	Nay
Vice-Mayor McInturff	Nay
Mayor Minor	Nay
Councilor Tagnesi	Nay
Councilor Veach	Nay
Councilor Willingham	Nay
President Buettner	Nay

CU-12-35: Conditional Use Permit – Request of Israel Brooks for a conditional use permit for a youth activity center at 720 South Braddock Street (*Map Number 212-01-F-5*) zoned Central Business (B-1) District.

No citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 8:47 p.m.

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve CU-12-35. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Public Hearing: Request to revoke CU-11-62 to operate a nightclub establishment at TC Tooties Historic Sports Pub - **POSTPONED TO MAY 8, 2012 MEETING**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Golding of 1027 Kinzel Drive thanked Council for the process they did do on the baseball stadium. He stated he thinks it is something they do not get enough credit for and at times has taken a bit of flack for. He hopes Council continues to take this process and continue to improve on it to use in the future as other opportunities become available to the city. He likes the possibility of the baseball coming to Winchester but not quite where it was to be located. He asked that Council continue to use this process and thought it was a wonderful idea. He stated his one comment was to please improve the communication that was lacking. He did hear some wonderful ideas come out of this process such as the pocket parks and moving baseball fields to those fields. He hopes Council takes the time to look at that idea.

Sandra Webster of Phazz 1 Ministries stated they have asked for a letter of support for their tenant based rental assistance HOME funds through the Regional Commission. Phazz 1 Ministries is committed to improving the quality of life for people in this community by offering a hand up not just a hand out. They have applied for the HOME funds for tenant based rental assistance because there are many individuals and families who are living in shelters, hotels, or living doubled up with family or friends in the city who are able to maintain their own home but need a little help to make that change. She stated they offer assistance with security deposits and first month rent. The tenant based rental assistance program offers individuals and families stability as well as helps to address overcrowding situations that the city and landlords struggle to manage. Phazz 1 Ministries offers an educational support program, financial management, life skills training, and counseling services not only for those participating in the supportive housing programs but everyone living in Winchester, Frederick and Clarke Counties. Just as City Council wants to increase the level of educational attainment, the level of earned income, and the financial stability of the residents of Winchester so does Phazz 1 Ministries. It is difficult to focus on your education, your job or overall financial situation when the basic needs of shelter and food are not adequately being met. Their educational services help to keep kids in school until they graduate. The life skills and financial training provides the education that is needed to empower individuals to make lasting changes. The support of housing program provides stability and helps to alleviate overcrowding in city homes and apartments. They do not provide band-aids that get changed every couple of months. Phazz 1 Ministries works with those who seek their

services to address the underlying issues and help the individuals to make the necessary changes to enable them to become self-sufficient and not need them, CCAP, the Salvation Army, or any other human service agency. She trusts that this Council will approve Phazz 1's request for a letter of support to use HOME funds to assist city residents to become responsible, productive, financially stable citizens who contribute to the community and enhance the neighborhoods in which they live.

No further citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 8:53 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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O-2012-04: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SECTION 5-6.3 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS IN VEHICLES PROHIBITED

O-2012-05: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH SHENANDOAH PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY ("SHENTEL") FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY – CELL ON WHEELS ("COW") ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF WINCHESTER AT THE SOUTH END OF THE TIMBROOK ANNEX DURING THE 2012 APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

O-2012-06: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT ARTICLE IX OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ASSEMBLIES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND PARADES

O-2012-07: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR REGIONAL LANDFILL PROPERTY IN CLARKE COUNTY

O-2012-08: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 27-10 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE BY CHANGING THE TAX RATE ON REAL PROPERTY FROM EIGHTY-SIX CENTS (\$0.86) FOR EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE THEREFORE TO NINETY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.95) FOR EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE ASSESSED VALUE THEREFORE

R-2012-14: Resolution – Authorizing letters of support for funding through the HOME program

Councilor Veach moved to approve R-2012-14. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark then approved 7/0 with Vice-President Willingham abstaining.*

R-2012-09: Resolution – Authorizing a letter of support for a Low Income Housing Tax credit application for the renovation of Bellview apartments

Vice-Mayor McInturff moved to approve R-2012-09. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Willingham then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

R-2012-07: Resolution – Authorization to accept a grant in a collaborative effort with the Winchester SPCA and Frederick and Clarke Counties to obtain equipment and supplies necessary to address the sheltering of pets

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve R-2012-07. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Tagnesi then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

R-2012-08: Resolution – Authorize the Department of Emergency Management to apply for and accept funding in the amount of \$5,000 with a 20% local match

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve R-2012-08. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

R-2012-10: Personal Property Tax Relief Rate for Tax Year 2012

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve R-2012-10. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

R-2012-11: Resolution to approve a request to apply for the FEMA “SAFER” grant

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve R-2012-11. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark.

Vice-President Willingham moved to amend the resolution to include 4 positions. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

The amended resolution passed unanimously by voice-vote.

R-2012-12: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Transportation Opportunity Grant Fund Agreement

Councilor Veach moved to approve R-2012-12. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Willingham then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

R-2012-13: 2011 State Homeland Security Hazmat Training and Equipment Grant

Mayor Minor moved to approve R-2012-13. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to Approve: FY 2013 CDBG funds and to authorize advertisement of proposed use of CDBG funds for Program Year 2012 for purposes of receiving public comment

Councilor Veach moved to approve the FY2013 CDBG funds and advertisement of the proposed use of CDBG funds for Program Year 2012. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill then approved 7/0 with Vice-President Willingham abstaining.*

Motion to appoint _____ in accordance with §24.2-228 of the Code of Virginia as an Interim Member of Common Council representing the Third Ward to serve from the date of appointment until a permanent member is elected to serve for the remainder of the term expiring on December 31, 2014 pursuant to the Order entered by the Winchester Circuit Court on March 8, 2012. Said election for a permanent member is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the next Regular Election on November 6, 2012.

Vice-President Willingham moved to table the appointment. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to appoint _____ as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board to an unexpired three year term ending April 30, 2013

Vice-Mayor McInturff moved to appoint John Bentley to the Parks and Recreation Board. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Willingham then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to appoint _____ and re-appoint _____ and _____ as members of the Board of Architectural Review each to a four year term expiring April 30, 2016

Vice-President Willingham moved to appoint Patricia Jackson and reappoint Tom Rockwood and Tim Bandyke to the Board of Architectural Review. *The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor McInturff then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to re-appoint _____ and _____ as members of the Economic Development Authority each to a four year term expiring August 31, 2016

Vice-President Willingham moved to reappoint Ron Mislowksy and Dan Troup to the Economic Development Authority. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to appoint _____ to the Board of Zoning Appeals to an unexpired term ending July 31, 2014

Mayor Minor moved to appoint Jason Ransom to the Board of Zoning Appeals. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Hill then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to appoint _____ and _____ to the Planning Commission each to a four year term expiring December 31, 2015

Mayor Minor moved to appoint David Smith and Beau Correll to the Planning Commission. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Announce the resignation of Harry S. Smith as a member of the WinFred MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee effective February 16, 2012, and direct the Clerk of Council to advertise the vacancy.

Motion to direct the Clerk of Council to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for Harry S. Smith for his service on the WinFred MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee

Mayor Minor moved to approve the certificate for Harry Smith. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Announce the resignation of Mark Miller as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board effective March 2, 2012, and direct the Clerk of Council to advertise the vacancy.

Motion to direct the Clerk of Council to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for Mark Miller for his service on the Parks and Recreation Board

Councilor Veach moved to approve the certificate for Mark Miller. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Willingham then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Motion to direct the Clerk of Council to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for Wilborn Roberson for his service on the Board of Zoning Appeals

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve the certificate for Wilborn Roberson. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Minor moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Vice-President Willingham then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Kari J. Van Diest
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council